

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, Figures 1-5 were objected to; and the drawings (Figures 1-9) were objected to.

Regarding the objection to Figures 1-5, those figures are amended to include the legend "Prior Art". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to those figures be withdrawn.


Regarding the objection to the drawings (Figures 1-9), Applicants respectfully submit that the figures include reference characters in accord with the MPEP. The outstanding Office Action suggests that "descriptive labels under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(n) and (o)" must be provided. However, those cited sections do not require symbols or legends. Rather, those cited sections provide guidelines for the use of symbols and legends. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(n) and (o), symbols and legends "may be used"; and, under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(o), legends "may be required by the examiner **where necessary** for understanding of the drawings". In this instance, Applicants have provided reference characters in accord with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p). As the reference characters are mentioned by Applicants' disclosure, they are sufficiently descriptive under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) and therefore render symbols or legends unnecessary. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings (Figures 1-9) be withdrawn.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-5. This sheet, which includes Figures 1-5, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1-5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets